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Lockport, Western N. York;
March 26. 1851

My Dear Friend,

I am most humbly ashamed of myself for having so long neglected to write you. My last letter was laid aside to be posted the following morning - was forgotten - and only turned up as I was packing my things to leave Rochester.

Rochester! I shall long remember my visit to that city. My operations there were as follows:

1. My lecture on British Reforms in the afternoon of Tuesday the 11th
2. A speech in the Convention on Wednesday After-
we had no Convention meetings in the evening
3. A speech on Slavery on the morning of the 12th
4. Lecture on Clays Veto in the afternoon of 12th
5. 1st Lecture on British India on Tuesday After-
noon the 18th
6. 2nd Lecture on India, Wednesday afternoon
the 19th
7. Lecture on Slavery Sunday Eveng 23rd

Thus, I made in all, Seven Speeches. At Every Meeting
the audience approved and applauded. The lectures
on India and Reform netted me \$225 dollars
and the lecture on Slavery ——— 127 — do
total ——— \$352

The net proceeds of the Convention were
I believe about 100 dollars, which the Fakers
claimed for the American Society, — to the
annoyance somewhat of the Members of the
Western New York Association.

On Sunday Night 159 dollars were taken
for admission at 12½ Cents Each, so that I
had an audience of at least 1300.

These meetings have done much good
in Rochester which is a very important City.
There are now the Elements I think of
an extended organization and I am delibe-
rating in my mind respecting the steps
I should adopt on my next visit to
turn the present state of things to account.

On one subject I have thought much;
and I have arrived at a decided opinion.
That subject is the Next Annual Meeting
of the American Anti-Slavery Society;

I have come to the conclusion that this year it ought not to be held in New York City; but in Syracuse. That city would be an admirable locality for it. At that City the Meeting would be accessible to the friends in Philadelphia and New England and we should have the fruit of all the recent labours in the Western part of this State - a delegation from Canada &c &c. We should have a quiet, business and effective Meeting and accomplish far more than by going to New York City.

I have a very earnest desire to attend the next Annual Meeting and ^{to} take part in its deliberations. This I cannot do, and would not attempt, in the City of N. Y.

I want you to think this matter over. I should be glad to find my advice acted upon. It is not ~~off~~ often I tender counsel, distrusting my own judgment; but on this subject I see clearly and am decided.

Talk the matter over with Mr Gay. If the change be made the intimation should be given early in the Antislavery papers.

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